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CONGO

Tshombé informed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that he was giving serious consideration to the UN's plan for reconciliation in the Congo and implied that he would accept it. In line with his usual dilatory tactics, however, he said that he wanted clarification of several points from the UN and the Western powers and Western "guarantees" on a number of specific points. He said next day that the plan was receiving "minute study" and that he intended to give his reply next week.

Before the plan was formally presented to Elisabethville, Tshombé's Foreign Minister had written U Thant asking that immediate contact be arranged between the UN and the Katangan government so that Katanga's ideas on federation could be "explained" and "delay prevented." Illustrative of the difficulties to be expected even if the plan is accepted is a report of grumbling on the part of Katangan gendarmerie commanders to the effect that they would never take an oath of allegiance to central government authorities.

Delays probably will also occur in Leopoldville in spite of Adoula's efforts to co-operate with the UN. President Kasavubu is reported to believe that Parliament will not ratify a new federal constitution quickly and that deliberations might be dragged out for as much as a year. Kasavubu himself does not believe there is any hurry.

Meanwhile, Isaac Kalonji, vice president of the Senate, is reported to have agreed with representatives of the Chamber of Deputies that Parliament should be convoked for 3 September as required by law. Inasmuch as a quorum is unlikely, however, they plan then to adjourn until November. This will give Adoula time to organize support for the government.

Sporadic fighting between Congo National Army (ANC) and

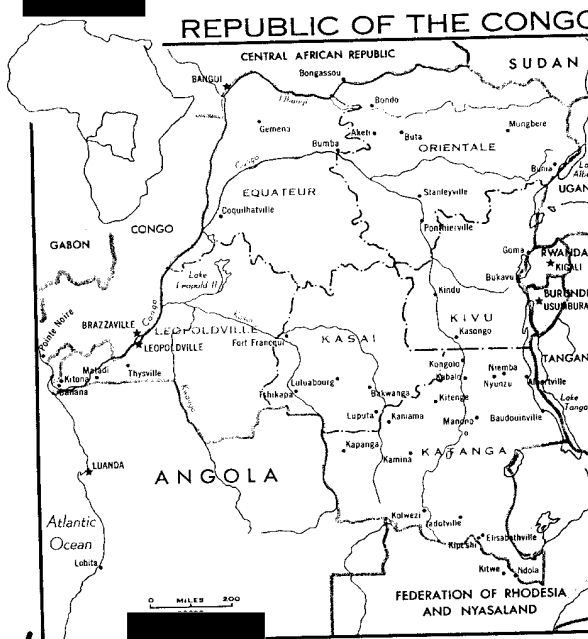
Katangan forces continues in northern Katanga along the Kamina-Kabalo road and between Kabalo and Albertville. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Katangans recently sent reinforcements to the area and appear to be moving toward Niemba, on the Kabalo-Albertville rail line. He said the Katangans have also strengthened their positions at Kitenge, midway between Kamina and Kabalo.

[REDACTED] an advance party of the ANC battalion which will operate with UN forces has arrived at Kamina.

A number of articles have appeared recently in the local press on imprisoned Antoine Gizenga. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Adoula may be under increasing pressure from Gizenga's supporters to release him, and that Guinean Ambassador Diallo may be prepared to offer Adoula the support of the Casablanca powers as a quid pro quo. Interior Minister Kamitatu, who has previously been reported working for Gizenga's release, visited the former Stanleyville leader on 23 August in the company of security chief Nendaka. [REDACTED]



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